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10:00 Family Communion
11:00 Church coffee



We are an inclusive Church so everyone is welcome, we love to see new faces and children in the congregation. For those moments of need we also have a children's corner.

Please do say hello to a member of the Ministry team when you visit.



Notice:

You can sometimes see Julie Ryan with a camera in Church, taking photographs for the magazine. Photographs with people will not be posted on social media, but used in the magazine. If you would prefer not to be in the magazine, please let Julie know. Any specific close ups, Julie will also check with the individual being taken. Thanks for your help with this, we hope it makes your magazine a really interesting read if we can see what our community is doing!



Unprecedented times

'Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

John 14:

Not too long ago it seemed that all anyone was talking about was Brexit, but political wrangling has been replaced with Coronavirus and the world-wide pandemic. We are suddenly in a strange world, a landscape that we don't recognise and we're all doing our best to navigate it. A few days into social distancing and our community was saturated with fluttering messages through doors – messages of support and help for neighbours – from those who responded through the Love Grappenhall Facebook page to an appeal to reach out. Later that week I had scores of people each committing to ring 10 households on our electoral roll to check that people were OK and to offer help. We had donations to a food appeal and then all church services were cancelled. So I began to film prayers in church and put them on the website, produced prayer resources and with help from our new Church Administrator, Gill White, put together packs to post out to those without access to a computer. I bought a webcam, started a YouTube channel and began video conferencing with the PCC and Churchwardens. It's been busy!

This is a challenge to all of us. A challenge to see how we can do things differently and a challenge to the way in which we normally do things. Within days we were told we had to close the doors of the church, and to me and to many it felt like a bereavement. Having said so often that the church is not the building but the people now we have to live that out.

We have done so much learning already about Faith on the Frontline, recognising that God is with us **whoever we are** and that he is concerned with every aspect of our lives – now it's time to live it as well as believe it. We've learnt about Whole Life Worship, about how worship happens not *to us* but *by us* and *through us* **wherever we are** – now it's time to live it as well as believe it. We know that we need to **pray everyday and read our Bibles** – here's our challenge – to make space in our lives and in our homes for God – unashamedly and confidently stating that we are His people. For a time we are God's people in exile, separated from each other physically but bound together eternally by love and faith. Just like Jesus' body on the cross our dis-memberment will be transformed and glorified, and we will be re-membered – put back together by God's love. Holy Week and Easter will happen, not in the church building but in the sacred space of our homes and in our trusting and faithful hearts. Be filled with peace and hope.

God bless

Jane

Easter Bonnet Competition

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will have them in Church and voting can begin
for real.





Answers:
1. c, 2. a, 3. a, 4. b, 5. c.

Are you making an Easter bonnet for church? Here are some from last year to give ideas!



Complete our Easter Quiz

1. The Friday before Easter is known as?

- a. Easter Friday
- b. Lent Friday
- c. Good Friday



2. How many days does Lent last for?

- a. 40 days
- b. 22 days
- c. 60 days



3. What kind of bread is associated with Easter?

- a. Hot Cross Buns
- b. Banana Bread
- c. Bagel



4. The week before Easter is known as?

- a. Easter week
- b. Holy week
- c. Resurrection week



5. What is Lent?

- a. It's a celebration
- b. It's an Easter bunny
- c. It's a time for fasting



Parr Arms

at Grappenhall



This months winning picture is by Myles Williamson Year 2JF. We all need a bit of love in the world right now, so a perfect picture choice. We hope you are well and staying safe Myles. Well done



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We hope everyone is staying safe and well. Pre-school misses you all so much. Here are a few posts of what we had been doing over the last few weeks 😊👉



It'll soon be the summer

The new cricket season is just a few weeks away at the club are gearing up for their first matches in mid-April, along with hopefully some sunshine. Last year the club suffered a disappointing season with both their 1st and 2nd teams being relegated from the ultra-competitive Premier Division within the Cheshire County cricket pyramid. It's been a long winter and a lot of work has gone on behind the scenes but the club are now almost ready to go for the new season.

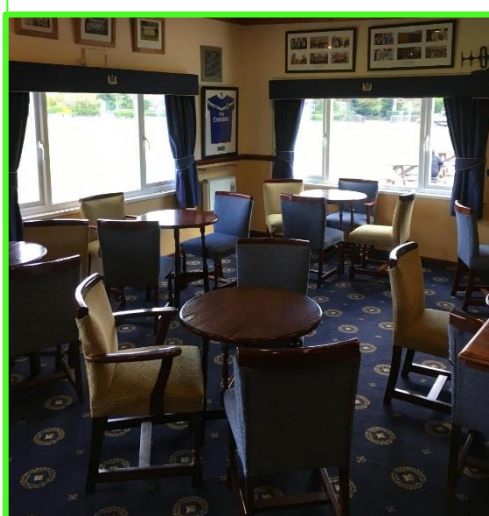
On the pitch we have recruited a few new players on board for 2020, with former Grappers junior Sam Guest returning to the club as Captain after a year away, and former Gloucestershire County player and South African state player Grant Hodnett coming to the club from neighbours Timperley. Now living in Grappenhall Grant will bring a whole new edge to the cricket with a focus on fitness and nutrition. Off the pitch a lot of work has gone in to maintain and improve the facilities at the club, including the replacement of part of the roof due to a combination of wear and tear and vandalism. It won't be long before the new season starts and we would like to welcome our neighbours and fellow Grappenhall locals down to the club during the summer.

Hiring the Club

The clubhouse is available to hire for birthdays, christenings, weddings and more. We have a large function room and lounge area, holding a total of around 120 people comfortably, along with a fully stocked bar. The club is a great venue for private parties and celebrations and is a versatile space to accommodate both smaller and larger numbers. During the warmer months we also have an outdoor space in our beautiful Memorial Garden at the side of the club.

If you want more information about hiring the club please email us at info@grappers.co.uk or have a look on our website.

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Brownies

Grappenhall & Thelwall Brownies travelled by coach to Cadbury World, enjoyed the factory tour followed by a sleepover in Dame Elizabeth Hall, Bournville. A deliciously chocolatey weekend!!

Our fundraising efforts meant we could purchase items for the Foodbank. The Brownies in small groups were challenged to make purchases within a limited budget.

Barbara –
3rd Grappenhall Brownies



Mother's Day with a Difference



This year Mother's day was a little different to normal, as the lockdown was just beginning and we were all learning about social distancing. At that time the church was open and everyone could help themselves to flowers for ladies they knew. There were quite a few doorstep deliveries for ladies in self isolation, who were delighted with the surprise!

Whilst the world slows down.....

So as I write this the world looks a little different, things have naturally slowed down as we can't get out and about like we used to and only essential shops are open. More of our time is with families – except for key workers who are having their busiest times ever in many cases.

Our church building may be closed but our faith remains strong and you can follow us as we head into Holy Week on our website or on Facebook, Twitter or Youtube.

Reverend Jane is videoing daily prayers and also a weekly children's worship, and PreSchool Praise worship and there will be extra items as we come into Holy Week and Easter. The biggest event in the Church calendar and our Churches are not open, it is sad, however God is with us wherever we are and we can still celebrate, albeit it in a different way.

So do follow us, like and share and comment – we like to know we are reaching people!

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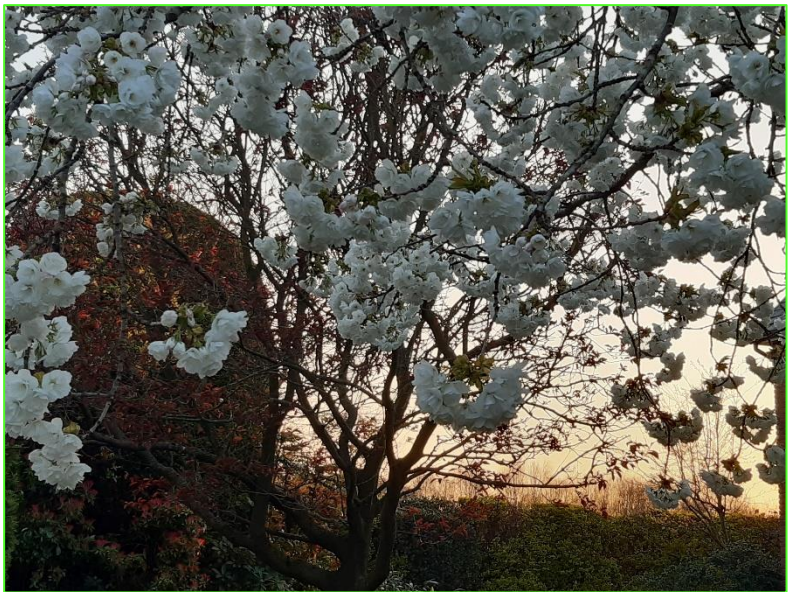
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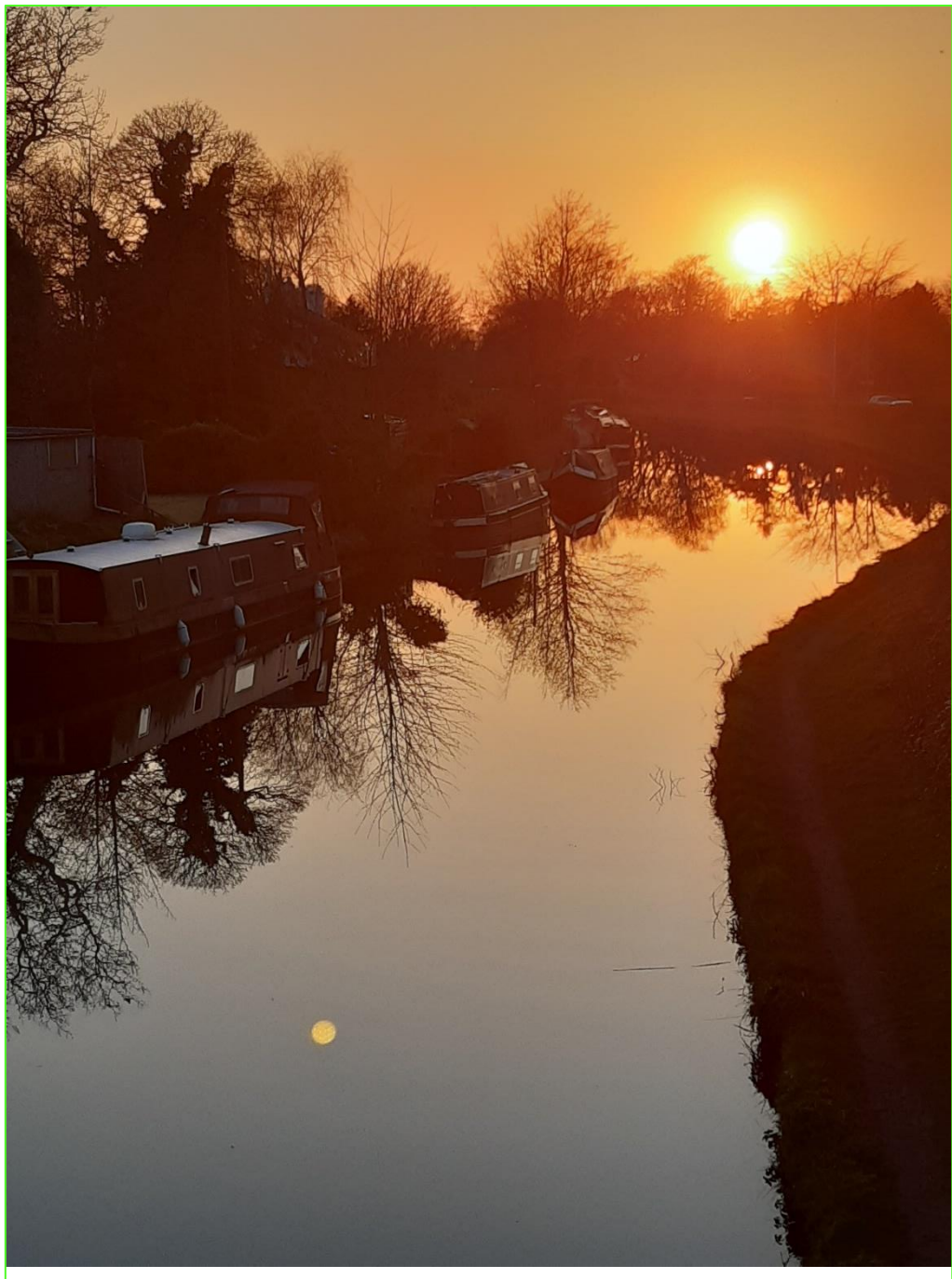


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Grappenhall Walks







The Master's Peal

A full peal was organised by the Chester Guild Master, Graham Jenkins from Prestbury, for Saturday 29th March. A band of ten ringers from various parts of the Diocese, including three of our own ringers, met at 1 pm to attempt a peal of 5040 changes of Cambridge Surprise Royal, to be conducted by Nick Thomson. After a false start (about 5 minutes ringing), we started again, and the ringing lasted for about 35 minutes before failing again. It was decided to give up the attempt and ring a Quarter Peal instead - 1287 changes of Stedman Caters, conducted by David Friend of Poynton - this was successful!

Omitted from my last report was the Mid Cheshire Branch meeting at Great Budworth on 15th February, which several Grappenhall ringers attended. After ringing during the afternoon, the local ringers served us a tea, followed by the business meeting. Another Mid Branch event, a 10 bell practice, took place at Stockton Heath on Saturday 14th March. Again, Grappenhall ringers were to the fore, with eight of us present. A useful practice for those from other towers who are not used to ringing on 10 bells, Grappenhall is to host a similar event later in the year.

Coronavirus

The day after the 10 bell practice at Stockton Heath saw us ring our new 10 bells for the last time for a while - we've only had them just over 7 months! After ringing for morning service on Sunday 15th March, we then followed advice given over the next few days and ceased all ringing. Hopefully in the near future you will hear all 10 bells sound out again across the village. In the meantime, the service bell (the no 6 bell of the old ring) is being rung to mark the start of the daily prayers.

The Bell Project

Work on the clock is still ongoing - work is continuing to get it to keep time. Ray Helliwell has still been busy up the tower. He has made an alteration to the door into the bell chamber, so that it folds back out of the way when open - those who made the ascent up the tower on the occasion of the Christmas Fayre will remember it was a bit of a squeeze! He is also constructing box structures to put over the clock dial mechanism in the ringing chamber. We all thank Ray for the work he is doing in the tower. Liz Helliwell has made some seat covers for our new chairs, matching the cushion covers she made for the alcoves - thanks go to Liz too.

Peal Board

We have taken delivery of a peal board to put up the tower, marking the final peal on the old ring of 8 bells, and the first peal on the new 10. The photo shows this new addition to the tower. There is also a board listing the major donors to the bell project, which is to be displayed in church. (Photo on next page)

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The Peal Board mentioned in Up the Spiral Staircase

Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers
Grappenhall, Cheshire

St Wilfrid's Church (11-1-6 in F#)	St Wilfrid's Church (10-3-17 in G)
A Peal of	A Peal of
5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major	5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal
Composed by David G Hull	Composed by M Foulds
On Sunday 30th December 2018	On Sunday 13th October 2019
in 2 hours 48 minutes	in 3 hours 3 minutes
Treble	Treble
2 Graeme A Littler	Elizabeth A Helliwell
3 Nicholas Thomson	2 Andrew J Rawlinson
4 David J Pigg	3 David W Friend
5 Diana M Anderson	4 Iain D Scott
6 Iain D Scott	5 David J Pigg
7 Ben Kellett	6 Richard S Westman
8 Andrew J Rawlinson	7 Graeme A Littler
Tenor	8 Peter Wilkinson
Raymond D Helliwell	9 Raymond D Helliwell
Conducted by Andrew J Rawlinson	Tenor
	Nicholas Thomson
	Conducted by Nicholas Thomson
<i>Last peal on the bells.</i>	<i>First peal on the bells.</i>
	Rector - Rev'd Jane Proudfoot

Women's Group

The February and March meetings were two totally different subjects. The first was about 'The Real Lives of Coronation Street'. It was a brief glimpse into their lives and careers before the fame of Coronation Street.

Tom Preston who was giving the talk mentioned how the programme was only destined for 16 weeks! Being on television brought many of the actors to prominence, even though they had careers in entertainment beforehand. A couple of those mentioned were Violet Carson (Ena Sharples) and Pat Phoenix (Elsie Tanner).

Then in March we heard about The Leonard Cheshire Foundation. Leonard Cheshire had been a pilot in World War 2, and wanting to help the disabled and sick, set up the charity in 1948. It now helps, with partners, disadvantaged groups to access education, training and resources. The charity has now spread to many countries throughout the world. The volunteers who came to our meeting gave us a good insight into various roles that they were involved in. Pam Gault





St Wilfrid's (at home!)



Well it seems very strange writing this month's article from an almost silent school! No sound of Maths lessons coming down the corridor, no excited chatter from the children, no fun playtime games. Our world has changed, and so has life at St Wilfrid's.

We do have some children coming in everyday and we are proud that we are able to provide childcare for these children of key workers so their parents can play their part in helping all of us through this horrible time. But the majority of our children (and staff) have all now begun the process of learning at home through our school website. They still have daily tasks to do such as English and Maths and then they may find themselves doing a bit of Science or even some map work in Geography. It's very different to their normal lessons but we are so pleased with how quickly the children have adapted to their new way of learning.

Lots of the children have been doing online learning too, daily PE with Joe Wicks is very popular as you can see with this Year 4 pupil.

Others enjoyed the Live sessions from Chester Zoo earlier this month learning about the elephants and red pandas.

We have also shared Reverend Jane's new Children's Worship videos with the children (see St Wilfrid's Church website) and the younger ones have really enjoyed seeing Jane and Buster the Dog!





St Wilfrid's (at home!)



Some children have enjoyed messaging their teachers with what they have been getting up to and it's been lovely to maintain that contact with the children. Who knows how long we are going to be in this position, we want our children to know that we are still here for them should they need help with any of their tasks even if we're not in a classroom of 30!



As part of a Food project we have 1 Year 5 boy who has gone online with his own version of come Dine with Me – creating a delicious 3 course meal for his family. There did have to be some 'Corona Compromises' due to a shortage of some ingredients but it still looked yummy!

And another child has taken home schooling to the next level by dressing his dog up in school uniform and getting him to do the lessons! It looks like Buddy is enjoying himself anyway!

We wish you and your family all the best in the coming weeks as we all get through this together. We hope to see you very soon!!





Marfield WI birthday party coincided with International Women's Day this year and to mark the occasion we held a quiz to see how many women we remembered over the last century



Our speaker for this month was Dave Duckett who gave a talk entitled Tales out of School. Dave started his career as a librarian and recounted tales of the antics of his more challenging visitors with warm humour. It was his many interests, which included a passion for keeping reptiles, playing various musical instruments and writing poetry, that led to a new career as a School Visitor. His enthusiasm and commitment to engage the youngsters, many of whom were from poor families, shone through in the many amusing anecdotes he recalled for us.

On an unusually dry sunny day this month, members from Marfield joined other local groups on a coach heading for Chester Cathedral for a Celebration Concert for the centenary of Cheshire WI Federation. The cathedral was full to capacity to watch talented WI members treat us all to a great start to the centenary celebrations. It was such a memorable occasion and, for the cherry on top, we were given a slice of cake in a celebration box. Some members took the opportunity to visit WI Federation House for the first time which gave them an insight into belonging to a wider organisation at county level. Our lunch club met at Egos in Stockton Heath this month. The lunches are proving very popular with 16 members attending. Members of the Bowls Team also met for a late Christmas Dinner at The Bear's Paw Inn and enjoyed an evening catching up and planning for the coming season.

The speaker for our next meeting on 23rd March is Gina Kirkham talking on the intriguing subject 'Handcuffs, Truncheons and Polyester Thongs'. Meetings are held at Grappenhall Community Library at 7.30 pm. Visitors are always welcome by contacting Cindy on 01925 265919 or Anne on 01925 211382'



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Christenings: *Let the little children come to me*
All Christenings have been suspended at the present time.
Those that were due to be done in the next 3 months have
been rearranged for later in the year. We send lots and love and
prayers to all our lovely children and their families.



Weddings: *God is love*
All Weddings that were due to take place up to the end of June have been
rearranged for either later in the year or next year. We wish all
of our wedding couples well and look forward to happier times ahead.



Funerals: *Nothing can separate us from the love of God*

5th March John Graham (Jack) Forsythe

27th March Kenneth Bate



Jean Antrobus : *sadly Jean passed away on 19th March.*

Her funeral will be held at Walton Lea as we are not permitted to use the
church building at present. Numbers at funerals are strictly restricted to
immediate family only during the outbreak. Jean's sons will be arranging a
Memorial Service, with Rev'd Jane, at the church when it has reopened.

Tom Leatherbarrow

Some sad news has reached us about a former parishioner.
Tom Leatherbarrow died peacefully at his home in France on
Monday 10th February aged 82.

Tom was originally from Anfield in Liverpool before moving to
Shirley Drive in Grappenhall in the early 1970s to work for the
New Town and then Manchester City Council. He was a regular
sidesman at our church and also for a time edited the parish
magazine.

In 2002 he retired to a small village called Fromental in the
Limousin, France, where he and his wife, Sylvia, threw themselves into French village life,
regularly attending local events and helping to organise the village fete every summer. Tom
also served as unofficial village photographer. The photograph opposite was taken on one
such social occasion, the wedding day of one of their neighbours in the summer of 2017 at
the Mairie in Fromental.

I'm sure many of you will want to send your condolences to Sylvia who can be reached at the
address below: Sylvia Leatherbarrow, 24 Avenue Jean Cacaud, 87250 Fromental, France.



We are an Inclusive Church

- “ We believe in an inclusive Church - church which does not discriminate on any level, including: economic power, age, gender, mental health, mental ability, physical ability, race or sexuality. We believe in a Church which welcomes, accepts and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.”
- *Everyone is welcome here.*



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